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**\* August Price Index**  
**\* Texas Farm and Ranch Workers**  
**\* Texas and U.S. Rice Stocks**  
**\* Texas Auction Markets**

## INDEX NUMBERS OF PRICES RECEIVED BY TEXAS FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodities	1990-92 = 100		
	August 2003	July 2004 *	August 2004
All farm products . . . . .	97	111	109
All crops . . . . .	83	98	92
Livestock and products . .	105	121	118

\* Revised.

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Commodity and Unit	Texas			United States			U. S. parity prices
	August 2003 <sup>1</sup>	July 2004 <sup>1</sup>	August 2004 <sup>2</sup>	August 2003 <sup>1</sup>	July 2004 <sup>1</sup>	August 2004 <sup>2</sup>	August 2004 <sup>3</sup>
<b>CROPS</b>							
Barley . . . . . Dollars per bushel	—	—	—	2.91	2.54	2.45	6.74
Corn . . . . . Dollars per bushel	2.33	2.52	2.51	2.15	2.51	2.27	6.79
Cotton, Upland . . . . . Cents per pound	46.9	43.2	47.9	46.3	54.5	52.5	2.02
Cottonseed . . . . . Dollars per ton	—	—	99.00	—	—	99.00	283.00
Grapefruit, all, 80-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4</sup>	—	—	—	7.23	9.43	7.68	6.94
Hay, alfalfa, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	150.00	135.00	135.00	91.90	98.40	97.40	—
Hay, other, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	58.00	62.00	62.00	66.70	70.90	70.00	—
Hay, all, baled . . . . . Dollars per ton	77.00	80.00	77.00	85.00	90.40	89.80	—
Oats . . . . . Dollars per bushel	—	—	—	1.39	1.37	1.31	3.96
Oranges, all, 85-lb. . . . . Dollars per box <sup>4</sup>	—	—	—	4.27	9.81	10.28	11.10
Peanuts . . . . . Cents per pound	—	—	—	—	17.4	—	66.3
Potatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	14.50	—	—	5.75	5.91	6.31	15.30
Rice . . . . . Dollars per cwt	—	—	—	5.47	8.79	8.49	29.20
Sorghum grain . . . . . Dollars per cwt	3.97	4.32	4.05	3.93	4.27	3.87	11.00
Soybeans . . . . . Dollars per bushel	—	—	—	5.68	8.46	6.34	16.00
Sweetpotatoes . . . . . Dollars per cwt	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.30
Wheat . . . . . Dollars per bushel	3.09	3.34	2.89	3.35	3.37	3.13	10.10
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>							
Beef cattle . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>5</sup>	78.70	89.90	89.90	79.30	88.50	88.10	171.00
Cows . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>6</sup>	40.40	54.10	53.40	44.50	56.30	55.50	—
Steers and heifers . . . . . Dollars per cwt	81.60	92.60	92.70	82.90	91.80	91.50	—
Calves . . . . . Dollars per cwt	106.00	132.00	135.00	106.00	131.00	131.00	229.00
Milk cows . . . . . Dollars per head <sup>7</sup>	—	1,800	—	—	1,720	—	—
Hogs . . . . . Dollars per cwt	35.00	51.60	52.50	39.60	57.10	56.00	106.00
Lambs . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8</sup>	88.60	109.00	—	88.60	102.00	—	202.00
Sheep . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>8</sup>	35.10	40.10	—	29.20	37.40	—	84.20
Broilers . . . . . Cents per pound <sup>9</sup>	—	—	—	36.0	52.0	46.0	—
Eggs . . . . . Cents per dozen <sup>10</sup>	60.0	35.0	29.0	66.8	39.9	33.4	170.0
Turkeys, live . . . . . Cents per pound	—	—	—	32.7	43.6	45.4	103.0
All milk sold to plants . . . . . Dollars per cwt <sup>11</sup>	13.40	16.70	16.00	13.30	16.00	15.00	35.30

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> 1910-1914 Base. <sup>4</sup> Equivalent on-tree price for all methods of sale. <sup>5</sup> Cows, steers and heifers combined. <sup>6</sup> Beef cows sold for slaughter and herd replacement and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. <sup>7</sup> Milk cow (replacement) price published quarterly. <sup>8</sup> Mid-month prices not estimated. <sup>9</sup> Live weight equivalent price to producers, includes growers and contractors combined. <sup>10</sup> Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by producers. <sup>11</sup> Fat test percent: July all milk, Texas 3.59, U.S. 3.56; August all milk, Texas 3.60, U.S. 3.58.

## U. S. INDEX SUMMARY TABLE

Index	1910-14 = 100			1990-92 = 100		
	August 2003	July 2004 *	August 2004	August 2003	July 2004 *	August 2004
Prices Received . . . . .	694	790	764	109	124	120
Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates . . . . .	1,691	1,789	1,792	127	134	135
Ratio <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	41	44	43	86	93	89

<sup>1</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates. \* Revised.

# FARM AND RANCH WORKERS, HOURS WORKED AND WAGE RATES: SOUTHERN PLAINS AND UNITED STATES

Workers	Southern Plains <sup>1</sup>			United States <sup>2</sup>		
	July 6-12, 2003	April 11-17, 2004	July 11-17, 2004	July 6-12, 2003	April 11-17, 2004	July 11-17, 2004
<b>WORKERS HIRED FOR:</b>	<i>Thousands</i>					
150 days or more .....	49	38	48	680	* 651	637
149 days or less .....	12	8	20	263	* 176	316
<b>TOTAL HIRED</b> .....	61	46	68	943	* 827	953
	<i>Hours</i>					
Hours worked .....	38.2	41.0	37.8	39.8	* 40.6	39.3
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
<b>WAGE RATES FOR:</b>						
All hired .....	8.15	8.13	8.58	8.88	* 9.23	9.10
Field workers .....	7.62	7.50	7.59	8.17	* 8.47	8.42
Livestock workers .....	7.58	7.93	8.18	8.57	8.95	8.75

<sup>1</sup> Oklahoma and Texas. <sup>2</sup> Excludes Alaska and agricultural service workers. \* Revised.

## AUGUST 1 STOCKS OF RICE

Position	Texas		United States	
	August 1, 2003	August 1, 2004	August 1, 2003 <sup>1</sup>	August 1, 2004
<b>ROUGH RICE</b>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>			
On farms or in farm warehouses .....	250	*	1,225	571
In mills and in attached warehouses .....	*	*	5,749	6,085
In warehouses not attached to mills .....	*	157	13,080	12,819
In ports or in transit .....	0	0	17	40
<b>Total</b> .....	578	385	20,071	19,515
<b>MILLED RICE</b>				
In mills and in attached warehouses .....	647	301	3,783	2,591
In warehouses not attached to mills .....	0	0	54	105
In ports or in transit .....	0	0	737	255
<b>Total</b> .....	647	301	4,574	2,951

<sup>1</sup> Revised. \* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## POULTRY SLAUGHTER: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES <sup>1</sup>

Item	Number Inspected			Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight			Total Certified <sup>2</sup>		
	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004
<b>TEXAS</b>	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>			<i>Pounds</i>			<i>1,000 pounds</i>		
Chickens:												
Young	57,486	*56,578	56,286	283,428	*294,162	291,215	4.93	5.20	5.17	220,901	*227,671	224,667
<b>UNITED STATES</b>												
Chickens:	775,679	764,037	754,655	3,981,553	*4,005,705	3,948,264	5.13	5.24	5.23	2,934,576	*2,947,403	2,919,928
Young	762,876	751,634	742,483	3,906,159	*3,935,589	3,878,624	5.12	*5.24	5.22	2,888,077	*2,903,658	2,877,018
Mature	12,803	12,403	12,172	75,394	70,116	69,640	5.89	5.65	5.72	46,499	43,745	42,910
Light	5,842	6,304	5,994	20,093	21,037	19,731	3.44	3.34	3.29	10,221	10,790	9,984
Heavy	6,961	6,099	6,178	55,301	49,079	49,909	7.94	8.05	8.08	36,278	32,955	32,926
Ducks	1,927	2,217	2,149	12,619	*14,773	14,258	6.55	*6.66	6.63	9,148	*10,700	10,228
Other poultry	-	-	-	608	414	406	-	-	-	387	269	268
Turkeys:	23,681	21,489	22,000	623,790	*590,761	584,554	26.34	27.46	26.57	493,543	*467,121	460,977
Young	23,297	21,271	21,716	613,534	*584,919	577,224	26.33	*27.50	26.58	485,669	*462,808	455,442
Old	384	218	284	10,256	*5,842	7,330	26.73	*26.80	25.81	7,874	*4,313	5,535
<b>TOTAL POULTRY</b>	-	-	-	<b>4,618,570</b>	<b>*4,611,653</b>	<b>4,547,482</b>	-	-	-	<b>3,437,654</b>	<b>*3,425,493</b>	<b>3,391,401</b>

<sup>1</sup> Federally inspected only. Total may not add due to rounding. <sup>2</sup> Ready-to-cook weight. \* Revised.

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES**

Species	Texas			United States		
	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004
<b>CATTLE</b>	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>		
Steers .....	315.7	284.2	291.6	1,666.5	1,540.4	1,457.2
Heifers .....	225.5	199.9	167.8	1,036.9	939.9	843.1
Dairy cows .....	9.2	8.2	9.0	225.1	179.1	185.3
Other cows .....	58.2	54.2	47.2	263.0	240.1	210.8
Bulls and stags .....	11.9	12.1	12.0	53.4	50.2	48.5
<b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>620.5</b>	<b>558.5</b>	<b>527.6</b>	<b>3,244.9</b>	<b>2,949.7</b>	<b>2,745.0</b>
Calves .....	1.8	0.6	0.6	82.9	64.6	67.3
<b>HOGS</b>						
Barrows and gilts .....	20.5	21.7	20.5	7,702.3	8,114.1	7,717.0
Sows .....	5.5	4.7	4.8	285.8	281.6	268.3
Stags and boars .....	—	—	—	20.1	19.5	21.7
<b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>26.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>8,008.2</b>	<b>8,415.2</b>	<b>8,007.7</b>
<b>SHEEP</b>						
Mature sheep .....	1.5	1.6	1.4	13.8	15.1	13.0
Lambs and yearlings .....	29.2	15.7	20.1	211.2	204.2	194.0
<b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup> .....	<b>30.7</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>219.3</b>	<b>207.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Total based on unrounded data.

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND LIVE WEIGHTS: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES <sup>1</sup>**

Species	Texas			United States <sup>2</sup>		
	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004
<b>HEAD SLAUGHTERED</b>	<i>Thousand head</i>					
Cattle .....	623.4	560.5	529.6	3,290.2	* 2,994.8	2,787.3
Calves .....	2.1	0.8	0.9	84.9	66.7	69.0
Hogs .....	32.8	30.8	28.6	8,116.1	8,504.4	8,094.8
Sheep and lambs .....	33.0	18.4	23.3	239.8	* 231.1	220.8
<b>TOTAL LIVE WEIGHT</b>	<i>Million pounds</i>					
Cattle .....	740.2	633.9	633.3	4,030.3	* 3,668.6	3,452.9
Calves .....	1.1	0.5	0.5	24.5	22.4	22.4
Hogs .....	9.1	7.5	6.9	2,129.8	2,063.8	2,120.8
Sheep and lambs .....	4.1	2.4	2.9	31.3	31.0	28.3

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter. Excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2</sup> Includes Hawaii; commercial slaughter not estimated in Alaska. \* Revised.

**LIVESTOCK INSHIPMENTS AND OUTSHIPMENTS, BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Shipments by species	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Year-to-date January - July	
				2003	2004
<b>INSHIPMENTS</b>	<i>Number of head</i>				
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states <sup>2</sup> .....	188,288	149,074	169,851	1,400,498	1,091,727
Other countries <sup>3</sup> .....	29,226	70,071	90,112	384,014	534,457
Dairy cattle <sup>4</sup> .....	4,993	4,462	6,176	28,262	32,203
Sheep and lambs <sup>5</sup> .....	8,126	1,130	5,332	66,920	30,846
<b>OUTSHIPMENTS</b>	<i>Number of head</i>				
Cattle and Calves:					
Other states <sup>6</sup> .....	138,405	125,559	105,663	768,255	799,074
Other countries <sup>7</sup> .....	1,571	0	0	11,651	1,028
Dairy cattle <sup>4</sup> .....	1,170	2,140	2,099	10,081	17,710
Sheep and lambs <sup>8</sup> .....	12,887	11,214	10,282	101,293	58,879

<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Health certificates issued by TAHC and USDA/APHIS/VS. <sup>2</sup> Inshipments of cattle and calves from other states exclude animals for slaughter. <sup>3</sup> Inshipments of cattle and calves from other countries include animals for slaughter. <sup>4</sup> Dairy herd replacement only; not included in "cattle and calves". <sup>5</sup> Inshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement from other states only and include animals for slaughter. <sup>6</sup> Outshipments of cattle and calves to other states exclude animals for slaughter. <sup>7</sup> Outshipments of cattle and calves to other countries include animals for slaughter. <sup>8</sup> Outshipments of sheep and lambs reflect movement to other states and countries and include animals for slaughter.

**POULTRY: TEXAS AND UNITED STATES**

Item	Texas			United States		
	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	July 2003	June 2004 *	July 2004
Average number of layers . . . . . Thousands	18,239	18,016	18,124	334,179	342,140	341,897
Egg production . . . . . Millions	402	389	408	7,403	7,274	7,544
Table eggs <sup>1</sup> . . . . . Millions	—	—	—	6,316	6,201	6,449
Hatching eggs <sup>1</sup> . . . . . Millions	—	—	—	1,086	1,072	1,095
Eggs per 100 layers . . . . . Number	2,204	2,159	2,251	2,215	2,126	2,207
<b>HATCHERY PRODUCTION</b>						
Egg type <sup>1</sup> . . . . . Thousands	—	—	—	35,566	38,066	34,127
Broiler type . . . . . Thousands	53,685	54,765	56,341	777,838	785,844	806,827
<b>PLACEMENTS</b>						
Turkey poults <sup>1</sup> . . . . . Thousands	—	—	—	25,330	23,291	25,275

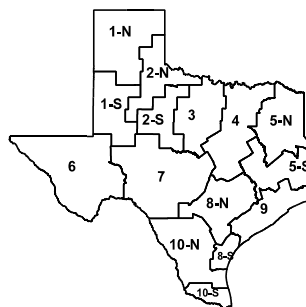
<sup>1</sup> Texas data not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations. \* Revised.

**SALES OF LIVESTOCK AT AUCTION MARKETS,  
BY SPECIES: TEXAS, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>**

Species	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Year-to-date January-July	
				2003	2004
				<u>1,000 head</u>	
Cattle & calves . . .	403	372	417	2,672	2,430
Hogs . . . . .	7	6	5	56	40
Sheep & goats . . . .	116	129	98	782	689

<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

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